

**Foxboro Music Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday September 12, 2016**

Meeting began at 7:30 pm.

**Attendees:** Dale Andersen, Lauren Amico, Tina Belanger, Tricia Conlon, Karen Connolly, Nhi Do, Joane Eva, Michelle Gardner, Jennifer Hoyt, Adrienne Jacobson, Michelle Kenney, Maura Maloney, Mr. Massey, Julia Metivier, Nancy Morrison, Rose Morrison, Sheila Peterson, Patti Prevost, Dorothy Relyea, Shannon San Bento, Meaghan Scollins, Lynne Silver, Amy Spognardi, Katherine Udden, Kim Vacheron, Tracey Vasile, Michelle Walsh, Mary Waters, Karen Wheatley, Karla Whitten

**Dale** - Welcomed and thanked all for attending and for their continuous help. Sheila then had everyone introduced themselves.

**Secretary's Report** - There was no Secretary's Report as Jenn has just taken over as Secretary.

**Treasurer's report** - Meaghan went over last year's finances. Expenses were over Revenue by \$245.66, but still less than the budgeted shortfall of \$2,854.61. There is \$17,529.04 in the bank account right now. To date \$1,100 in scholarships have still not been dispersed. The students have until the end of December to claim the scholarship money. As the deadline approaches Lauren Amico and Michelle Kenney will follow up with the students. Meaghan will be presenting a budget at next month's meeting. If anyone has any new fundraising ideas or if there is anything they want included in the budget, please let Dale or Meaghan know. Michelle Gardner motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tricia Conlon seconded, and all were in favor.

**Mr. Massey** – Mr. Massey shared some of the history of the FMA. The group was originally founded before he arrived at FHS, in 1975. He said he has watched the group grow in both numbers and depth and says that now the group is among a unique set of parent groups. The FMA doesn't fundraise for equipment. The school takes care of all equipment. The FMA is there to support students in the arts. Mr. Massey spoke of how the FMA has supported guest artists, clinicians, scholarships, and has commissioned 25 pieces of music in the past 25 years. Mr. Massey then spoke how this year (2016-2017) there are up to 280 students involved in the FHS Music Program, more than any other year. There are two new music teachers at the middle school and the staff is now very young, energetic, and engaging, but very high quality. Finally Mr. Massey told that Cami Tedoldi had an article published in *SBO Magazine* about how teaching music is like teaching a dog. The link to the article is: <http://sbomagazine.com/commentary/5455-classroom-everything-i-need-to-know-about-teaching-i-learned-from-my-dog.html>

**Student Reps** – The three student representatives from Band, Choir, and Orchestra were introduced. They are Senior, Mary Waters for Band, Junior Julia Metivier for Choir, and Senior, Rose Morrison for Orchestra. Mr. Massey said that all three students were very dedicated and serious musicians and will be relaying information back and forth between the groups and the FMA all year. Mary mentioned that there is an exchange student from China this year in the band. She had heard about the Foxboro Music Program and came here. Julia said that anyone interested in learning more about what the choir is doing should subscribe to Mr. Raymond's blog at: [foxborochoir.blogspot.com](http://foxborochoir.blogspot.com).

**Yankee Candle Fundraiser** – Dale said that the fundraiser will kick off on October 21st. Once again all ordering can be done online. She will have fliers for those who want hard copies, but said that the online system is much easier.

**Meadow Farms Fundraiser** – Michelle Kenney is running this new fundraiser. When asked what Meadow Farms carries, Michelle's answer was everything. They carry snacks, wrapping paper, mugs, and all kinds of gifts. Michelle said that there are two different delivery options. One would be to have all items delivered directly to students' homes and they could then separate them and deliver to those they sold to. The second would be to have everything delivered to the school and Michelle would separate and distribute. It was agreed that the first option was much easier. Michelle said that in order to have the items in time for Christmas that orders would have to be made by 11/29. It was then decided that Meadow Farms and Yankee Candle should be run simultaneously. Michelle and Dale will discuss the dates and logistics further. A discussion ensued on whether the fundraisers should be open to the public or just to the music students. Karen Wheatley said that the school will not send notices home with students and teachers can't be asked to bring up fundraisers. If the fundraisers are open to the public it has to be done through other sources. She suggested the *Foxworthy*, the *Foxboro Reporter*, and Foxboro Cable Access.

**MICCA** – Dale said that a chairperson, or two are needed for MICCA. Susan Godfrey has agreed to stay on as chairperson, but she no longer has a student at the school. Dale said it would be ideal for a Freshman and or Sophomore parent to take this on. The duties involve running the kitchen, buying soda and water, ordering food, and organizing the volunteers through sign up genius. Kim Vacheron ran this event for 4 years and said it's not that much work. She'd be happy to walk anyone through this. Nancy Morrison asked if the Foxboro Music concert programs could incorporate the same language that MICCA does about turning cell phones off and quieting small children. Mr. Massey said Kathy Dempsey is doing the programs again this year and Dale said she'd let Kathy know about putting the blurb in.

**Volunteer Sign Up**- Sheila reported that the FMA has a full slate of chair people, except for MICCA (above) and the Finish at the Fifty Road Race. Dale will advise on whether we should do this Race event next year once the FMA receives the money from last

year's Finish at the Fifty. Sheila talked about volunteering with Cable Access. Neil Kaiser from Cable Access will probably be at next months' meeting recruiting volunteers. They need people to man the cameras for music events. People who sign up are put on Neil's email list which he sends out in advance of events on a regular basis and then help out when they can. It is very fun!

Michelle Gardner passed around a sign up sheet for concessions. She needs two people to help sell concessions at every concert. Candy and snacks are provided. The volunteer brings water and sells before the concerts and during intermission. Sheila passed around a sign-up for supplying cases of water bottles at home games and could still use a few more volunteers.

**Public Relations:** Sheila invited anyone who would like to be a contributing writer to Reporter articles to let her know. Please also forward article ideas and content at any time. One idea mentioned was to cover the Chinese exchange student story as she chose FHS for the music program. She is in the orchestra. (Post meeting update: Sheila checked in with Bill Stedman and he already has a reporter assigned to cover a story on exchange students and will now be sure he includes the linkage to the music program angle.)

Karen Connolly talked about the website. It has recently been updated. Updated ensemble group photos are going to be taken at the concerts. They will be used for both the FMA site and the Foxboro Music page. We received approval at the meeting to put co-chair email addresses on the website and Karen will proceed to do so. She also wants to post the by-laws. Those will be voted on next month.

**Bottle and Can Drive** – Shannon San Bento said that the Bottle and Can Drive will take place in the front parking lot of the Igo school this year. There will be students with signs telling people where to go. The truck should arrive at the Igo between 8:00 and 8:30 and will be picked up at 2:00. Student Reps will be talking to their groups and recruiting volunteers. Mr. Massey said that this is the only activity that the FMA does where they ask the student to help. Shannon said that the only thing she needs is gloves. Tricia Conlon said she'd bring several boxes of gloves. *Note: Due to a death in the San Bento family Shannon will not be able to attend the Bottle and Can Drive. If there are any questions about the event please contact Dale.*

**Tailgate Cookout** – Dale said the cookout will be held on October 21st. This is not homecoming. The cookout is for all band, chorus, and orchestra students at the high school and in the 8th grade. Carl will be sending out a sign up genius email the first week in October to recruit help and to solicit donations. The FMA provides burgers, hot dogs, and water. All other food, cutlery, plates, and napkins are donated by families.

**Foxborough Cultural Council** - The Foxborough Cultural Council is accepting grant proposals through October 17th. In prior years the FMA has been a recipient of their

grants to benefit the Jazz Fest and other FMA events. The grant proposal must be for a specific event. Meaghan said she would confer with Dale and send in a proposal by October 17th.

**Upcoming Events :**

- Home Football Games: 9/30, 10/7 (Homecoming), 10/21 (cookout), 11/4 at 7:00PM; 11/24 vs Mansfield 10AM @ Mansfield
- Bottle & Can Drive - Igo School front parking lot 9/17 - 9:00-2:00 (rain date 9/24)
- FMA Cookout 10/21
- FHS Voices and Strings Concert 10/27 at 7:00PM
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser kick off 10/21
- US Army Field Band 10/30 in the FHS Gym at 2:00 pm.
  - o Mr. Massey spoke about this event. The US Army Field Band and Choir will be coming. They expect about 2000 people to attend. Mr. Massey has 1000 tickets that he will be giving out to B/C/O students and families. He hasn't yet decided how to disperse them. A few students will be performing with the band. Mr. Massey encourages all families to attend. They came about 7 years ago and it was an amazing experience for all.

**Next meeting October 3 @ 7:30pm (Please note that the meeting is on the 1st Monday due to the Columbus Day Holiday).**

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer L. Hoyt

Adjourned 8:36 p.m.